IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.   (Amended)   A method for automatically disbursing a user's personal information [belonging to a user] to a requester [that is] authorized by the user by transmitting said user's personal information from a server computer operated by a service provider, said server computer coupled to a database, the method comprising the steps of:

        establishing an account for the user with the server computer;

        assigning an identifier to the user;

        entering the user's personal information [belonging to the user], said user's personal information comprising at least one of a plurality of information objects;

        assigning at least one of a plurality of security levels to each information object;

        storing in the database the user identifier, the information object and the security level assigned to the information object;

        receiving a request message from a requester, said request message comprising at least the user identifier;

        retrieving from the database the information object pertaining to the user identifier; and

        securely transmitting the information object to the requester.

        Please add the following new claims.

7.   (New)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
generating an authorization key; and
providing the authorization key to a requester.

8.   (New)   The method of claim 7, wherein the step of generating an authorization key comprises the steps of:

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selecting at least one set of information objects, the set of selected information objects comprising at least one piece of user's personal information; and

creating a key to authorize access of the selected set of information objects.

9. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of generating an authorization key comprises the step of:

selecting the characteristics of a requester that can present the authorization key for information.

10. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization key is encoded with at least one of a plurality of attributes or criteria.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one of a plurality of attributes includes an attribute of a requester who may present the authorization key for release of information.

12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one of a plurality of criteria includes a criterion to indicate the information that can be accessed by a requester with the authorization key.

13. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one of a plurality of criteria includes a criterion to indicate how many times the authorization key can be used by the requester to obtain access, or the type of information that is accessible by a requester using that authorization key.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
altering the user's personal information; and
storing said altered personal information in the database.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of transmitting further comprises the step of:

designating an entity to receive said altered personal information;

optionally designating an effective date for said alteration; and

transmitting the altered personal information the designated entity.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of securely transmitting the information object comprises the step of:

transmitting the information object via a communication network to a device coupled to the communication network.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the device is a printer coupled to the communication network directly via the Internet Printing Protocol.

18. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of securely transmitting the information object further comprises the step of:

transmitting the information object via a secure E-mail or public key encryption.

19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the user's personal information includes the user's contact information; health-related information; medical, dental information, credit/employment information; insurance information, property-related information; personal demographic information; family medical history; biometric/genetic information; travel/hotel preferences; internet preferences; sartorial, fashion preferences; magazine, movies, book preferences; leisure preferences; preferences for billing or payment methods, or pleasure-related preferences.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving an authorization key from the requester.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

authenticating the requester.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request

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message from the requester comprises the step of:

receiving a query for the user's personal information in a readily executable form.

23.   (New)   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request message from the requester comprises the step of:

receiving a query for the user's personal information in a Structured Query Language format.

24.   (New)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

periodically generating a report on the transmittal of the information.

25.   (New)   A method for automatically disbursing a user's personal information to a requesting party, the method comprising:

step for inputting the user's personal information, said user's personal information comprising at least one of a plurality of information objects;

step for associating with each information object at least one of a plurality of security clearance levels;

step for recording each information object and the associated security clearance levels;

step for inputting an authorization key to access the user's personal information;

step for determining a response message to be sent; and

step for outputting the response message.

26.   (New)   Computer-executable program code stored on computer-readable medium, said code comprising:

code to store a user's personal information, said user's personal information comprising at least one of a plurality of information objects;

code to associate each information object with a first security clearance level;

code to receive a request message to access the user's personal information, said request message comprising an authorization key to access a first portion of the user's personal information, said authorization key indicative of a second security clearance